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## PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Examiner: M. Rosendale  
HITOSHI ONODA, ET AL. )  
Group Art Unit: 2612  
Appln. No.: 09/217,937 )  
Filed: December 22, 1998 )  
For: OPTICAL DEVICE AND METHOD FOR ) May 24, 2004  
SELECTING OBJECT OF FOCUS ) (Monday)

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment and Petition for Extension of Time in the above-identified application.

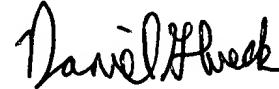
No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	26	MINUS	26	= 0	x \$ 9 \$18	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	= 0	x \$42 \$86	\$ 0.00

- °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the Extension fee for response within two months is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

## Introductory Comments

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated December 23, 2003, by two months, from March 23, 2004, to May 23, 2004. A check in the amount of \$420.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application

as follows:

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